

Proclamation

Pius “Mau” Piailug was born on the tiny Micronesian island of Satawal. At age four he began learning the ancient Polynesian art and science of celestial navigation; navigating long ocean distances using only the stars and swells as a guide. By Age 20, after an initiation ceremony, he became a Celestial Navigator.

When the Polynesian Voyaging Society of Hawai`i needed a mentor and expert in this field, they turned to “Papa Mau.”

On May 1, 1976, with “Papa Mau” as their guide, the Hokule`a, the first traditional Polynesian voyaging canoe built in Hawai`i, set sail from Honolua Bay, Maui. Thirty-four days later, the canoe and her crew safely arrived at their destination, Tahiti. After a short rest, they crossed the same three thousand miles of open ocean back to Hawai`i.

This historic trip rekindled in the Hawaiian people an interest in the nearly lost art of celestial navigation; also known as Wayfinding.


Now that he is 74, “Papa Mau” is ready to return home to Satawal. On May 13, the voyaging family will gather to honor Pius Mau Piailug for his 30 years of teaching Wayfinding to Hawaiians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2006, as

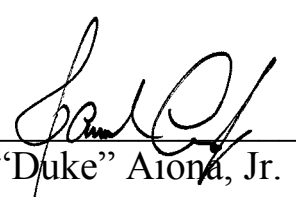
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in Hawai`i, and congratulate him on his many accomplishments, and offer our best wishes for continued success.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this eleventh day of May 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai`i



James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i